

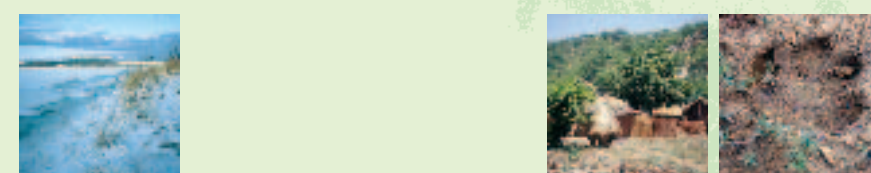


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What role can France play in the field of mega-diversity?

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French mega-diversity throughout the world*



France, particularly through its overseas territories, counts among the richest countries in the world in terms of biodiversity (endemicism comparable to that of the whole of Europe, existence of hotspots and marine hotspots, of eco-regions, of centres of plant diversity, of extinct

and endangered species,...), especially in insular and marine ecosystems.

France has a presence in many geographical zones (Western and Mediterranean Europe, tropical America, and the North Atlantic, Indian Ocean, Subantarctic, Antarctic and Pacific).

Ecological riches ... and responsibilities

- in developing the study, monitoring and management of biodiversity
- in involving all stakeholders
- in strengthening regional cooperation
- in reasserting a twofold role, as both a developed northern country and a privileged southern country

